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From: State of Missouri Window Developer User Group (WinDev)
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Subject: WinDev Annual Report

Executive Summary

This year was our first year as the Window Developer Group. As you know our predecessor organization, the Visual Basic Users Group, disbanded in December of 2004 in favor of a re-organization with a scope more inclusive of our members' interests and professional demands that align themselves with the state's re-organization. Then and now, our emphasis year has been in three main areas:

Mutual Support: Members use the regular meetings and the listserv for peer help, typically for programming issues they encounter.

Skill set Upgrades: Over this past year, the membership has taken in a number of presentations on a number of topics including ADA compliance, Credit Card acceptance, and of course, Microsoft's .NET initiatives. Several departments have expressed interest in a time-leave interface with SAM II, and various agencies have used the presentation time to review those either in place or under development.

Training: Members have received and made use of training in .NET technology (both desktop and web-based).

Although our group wanted to push for a larger, more diversified membership this year, we have moved slowly due to interoffice and statewide restructure, focusing more on skill set development.

Membership

As of September of this year, we have 49 members, of which 10 are regular participants at meetings, and another 10 are semi-regular. All members recently renewed their subscriptions to the listserv, so we know our roll is current. Many members report being unable to attend meetings (or attend on a regular basis) but are definitely interested in monitoring activities and peer help.

As the group assumes the place of MO-VBUG, we request the VBUG listing on the OIT-ITAB web sites be removed in favor of WinDev:

http://oit.mo.gov/itab/ITAB_USER_GROUPS.html

Agencies with members in regular attendance:

- Missouri Gaming Commission
- Department of Insurance
- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Missouri Public Service Commission

- Missouri Department of Revenue
- Missouri Conservation Commission

WinDev Officers

Name	Office	Department
Betty Schobey	Chairman	Health & Senior Services
James Brockman	Vice-Chairman	Department of Insurance
Andy Fender	Executive Committee	Department of Revenue
Jeff Pea	Executive Committee	Health & Senior Services
J.R. Del Rosario	Executive Committee	Conservation Commission
David Schwendemann	Executive Committee	Public Service Commission
Bryan Nehl	Executive Committee	Missouri Gaming Commission
Paul Salarano	Executive Committee	Department of Revenue

Technologies

Few of our members are truly active in Visual Basic 5 or 6 beyond application maintenance. Only one member has reported working on a new VB6 app in 2005. That is not to say members are not involved in legacy technologies. Many members are still involved in ASP, and half of those have no timetable to migrate to ASP.NET, although interest in that platform remains strong. Some are using .NET technology to interface with legacy data and platforms.

Although not a legacy technology by any means, most members use, maintain, or develop new applications in Microsoft Access.

Contact & Presence

The group has established its public forums and announcement presence on the World-Wide Web at <http://www.mo-windev.org>, and a laboratory site within the state network is under construction. Our main listServ is now windev@mail.mo.gov, with another at windev-sec@mail.mo.gov for closed security discussions.

Enterprise Architecture

To further the statewide goals of Enterprise Architecture, our active members have focused on upgrading their skill sets in .NET, web application development, and Java. One of our members has achieved certification in .NET technologies this year, and at least one more is preparing for exams. Another member is preparing for Java certification within the next 12 months.

This concludes our annual report for 2005. Please direct comments or concerns to:

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